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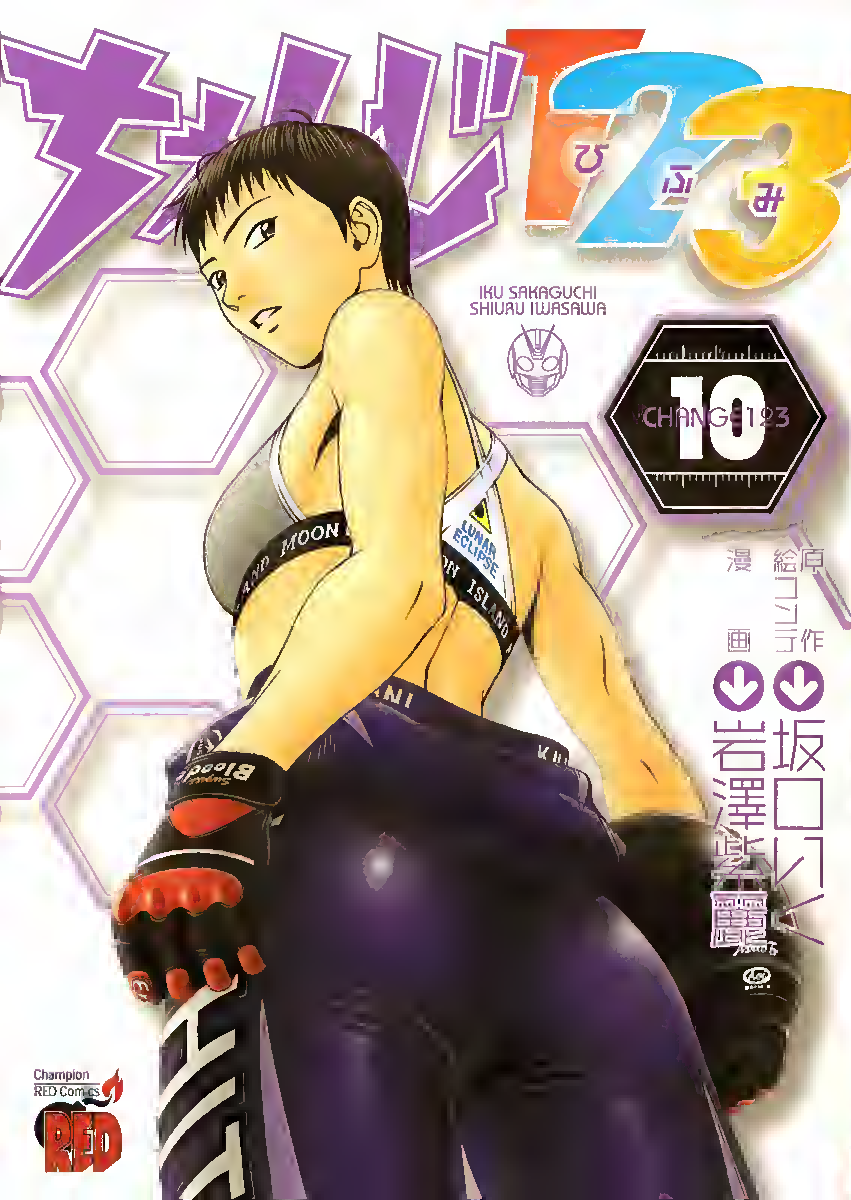

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順調に想いを育む素子と小介川♥
幸せいっぱいの二人の間を、踏躙する美少女・そら。
小介川の気持ちを踏みにじる、そらの行動を目撃したひびきは、
激高しゼロを出現させてしまった!! 暴走するゼロを小介川は止められるのか!?

ハニートラップに小介川、陥落寸前!?

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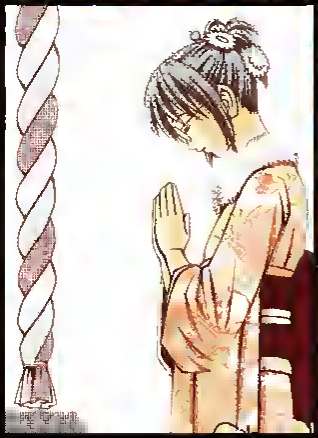

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Case45 : DEDUCTION.

SNOW IS AMAZING! IT'S ALL WHITE AND YOU CAN EAT AS MANY SNOW-CONES AS YOU WANT!
HMM, SO YOU'RE ALREADY IN AOMORI? YOU SHOULD GET TO HOKKAIDO TOMORROW. PLAY IN THE SNOW AS MUCH AS YOU WANT.
THEY DIDN'T MAKE THE WALLS OF THIS TUNNEL WITH GLASS
SIGH
LISTEN
YOUR MOM IS TRYING HER BEST TO TAKE PICTURES OF FISH IN THE UNDERWATER TUNNEL.
THEY DIDN'T MAKE THE WALLS OF THIS TUNNEL WITH GLASS.
WILL YOU BE ALRIGHT SPENDING YOUR WINTER IN HOKKAIDO WHEN YOU DON'T LIKE THE COLD?
小樽川
I BOUGHT SOME LONG UNDERWEAR, AND IT'S REALLY NICE IN THE TRAIN.♡
BUT THE TRAIN LUNCHES ARE DELICIOUS, IT'S A LOT OF FUN! YOU SHOULD'VE COME TOO KOSUKEGAA!
DINNER
BREAKFAST.
OH THAT'S TOO BAD WE CAN'T SEE ANYTHING

IT'S THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE THAT SOMENOE OTHER THAN FAMILY IS GOING TO CELEBRATE MY BIRTHDAY. AND IT'S MOTOKO-CHAN OF ALL PEOPLE!
NOT A CHANCE! THIS IS THE ONE NEW YEAR'S THAT I CAN'T AFFORD TO MISS!
CHU!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY.
THIS IS WHAT YOU GET THIS YEAR.
I'LL GIVE YOU SOMETHING WAY BETTER NEXT YEAR.
LOOK FORWARD TO IT.
WHEN SHE SAYS SOMETHING BETTER, DOES SHE MEAN...

WOULD YOU LIKE TO TAKE A BATH?
WE'RE YOUR PRESENT.
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SOMETHING WONDERFUL?
OR WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE DINNER?
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LET'S SLEEP TOGETHER
BADUM BADUM
GULP GULP
MERCE

SUBJECT OBSERVATION: KOSUKEGAWA HIDEO
DOB JAN. 1 BLOODTYPE: A
DISTINCTIVE FEATURE: OTAKU (NAMELY THE MASKED RIDER SERIES)

IDIOT
DIO!
FUGYAA
I-I'M SORRY DID YOU GET HURT?
GETTOU MOTOKO!
DIO!
I SHOULD BE ASKING YOU THAT!
NOT GOOD! ALTHOUGH IT WAS QUICK, WE'VE ALREADY CROSSED PATHS...

SHE DOESN'T REMEMBER ME! THIS MAKES IT EASIER FOR ME TO MOVE AROUND
OH, MOTOKO-CHAN!
YOU EVEN GOT MY BAG FOR ME,
THANK YOU
OKAY THEN
YES I'M FINE. THIS HAPPENS A LOT SO I'M USED TO IT.
MY GLASSES' FRAME AND LENS ARE MADE OF TOUGH PLASTIC, SO... AH
STILL HER PHISICAL ABILITIES ARE ALMOST A MIMS!
HUH!?
HEY, YOUR NOSE IS BLEEDING!
WHAT HAPPENED?
DANKOU
SHE HAS MULTIPLE PERSONALITIES!
IF ANYONE IS CALLING HER 'BLACK THEN IT MUST BE
HERE, THIS SHOULD DO IT

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10:10 A.M. AT THE AMUSEMENT PARK
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迎春
WE'RE MOVING
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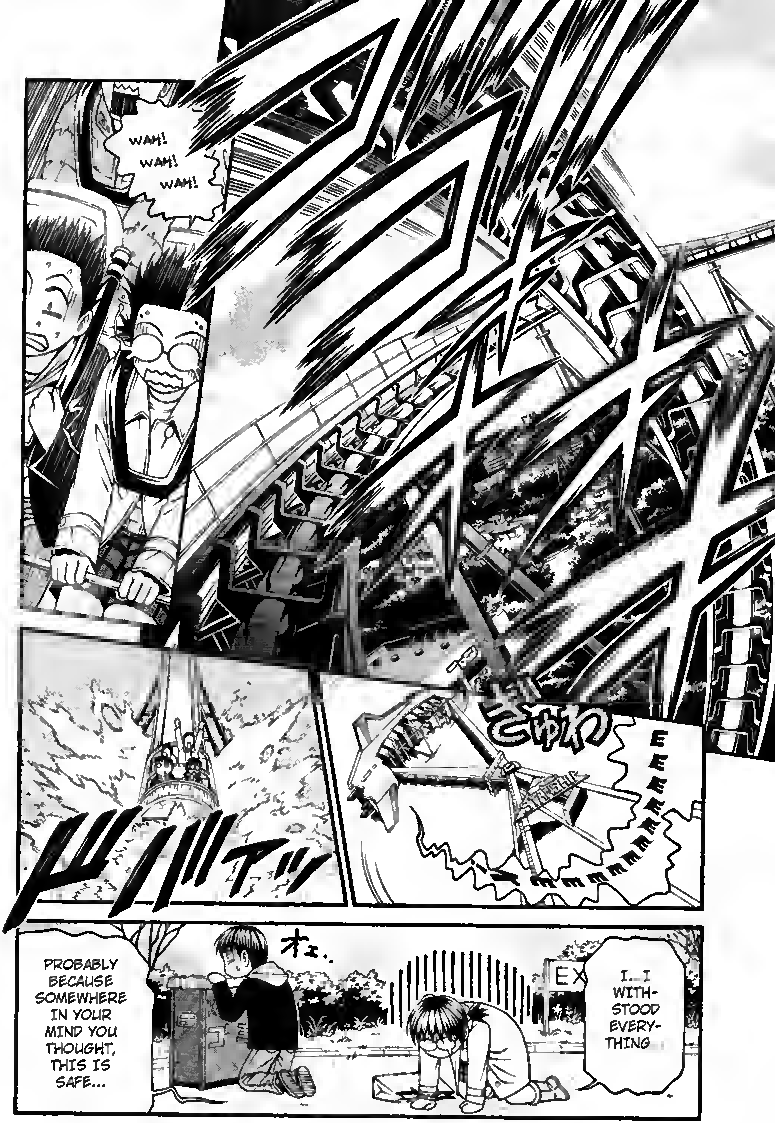
IT'S LIKE I'M WATCHING MY KINDERGARTEN BROTHER
BUT THEY WERE HAVING FUN, AND HAD LUNCH AT 12:40

THANKS.
YOUR FOOD IS ALWAYS SO DELICIOUS!
BUT NEXT YEAR, WE HAVE PLACEMENT TESTS, SO WE WON'T BE ABLE TO FOOL AROUND LIKE WE ARE RIGHT NOW
FROM TOMORROW UNTIL MARCH, I'M GOING TO BE WORKING IN THAT CONVIENCE STORE AGAIN.
YEAH. AND I'VE BEEN THINKING OF WORKING DURING THE TIME THAT WE WOULD NORMALLY BE GOING ON DATES.
WILL YOUR TESTS BE ALRIGHT?
YEAH, WHEN APRIL COMES AROUND, I'LL HIT THE BOOKS
BLUE

ALSO, FUJIKO AND MIKIRI SAID THEY WANT TO DO SOMETHING THEMSELVES TOO.
THIS DATE IS JUST THE BEGINING OF HIBIKI'S PRESENT FOR YOU. SHE SAID SHE'LL GIVE YOU SOMETHING HERSELF LATER
HUH!?
I-I WAS WONDERING WHAT KIND OF PRESENT...
YOU GOT ME.
BUT MOTOKO-CHAN, YOU CAN'T FREELY CHANGE BETWEEN YOUR PERSONALITIES
THEN DOES THAT MEAN THAT MOTOKO-CHAN IS FINE WITH WHATEVER HIBIKI IS GOING TO GIVE AS A PRESENT?
I'M GOING TO TRY MY HARDEST!
THAT'S WHY I PICKED THE AMUSEMENT PARK AS OUR DATE!
IF YOUR LIFE ISN'T IN DANGER, OR EMOTIONALLY STRESSED


WAH!
WAH!
WAH!
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I...I WITHSTOOD EVERYTHING
PROBABLY BECAUSE SOMEWHERE IN YOUR MIND YOU THOUGHT, THIS IS SAFE...

I DON'T THINK YOU NEED TO TRY SO HARD...
NEXT I'LL TRY SOMETHING PSYCHOLOGICALLY SCARY...
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YOUR NO HELP IF YOU PASS OUT BEFORE ME! I WAS SAVED BY A ZOMBIE!
非常口
SORRY
GYAAAAHHHOO
恐怖の洋館

↑ RENTAL JERSEY AND SNEAKERS.

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DON'T NEED TO GO THIS FAR MOTOKO-CHAN
YOU...
IT LOOKS LIKE SHE CAN'T USE THE BLACK POWER , HER OTHER PERSONALITIES WHENEVER SHE WANTS
AH.
LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOUR BOYFRIEND IS IN DANGER
OH...

KANNAMI: PLEASE TURN ME INTO AN ANDROID.
I PRAY THAT I PASS OUT AS I FALL!!
GOODBYE MOTOKO-CHAN! HIFUMI.
GOODBYE SOMETHING WONDERFUL
I WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE REDDER ZECHS ANYMORE.
I SHOULD HAVE THROWN AWAY THE PORN UNDER MY BED.
HELLO GOD OF JUSTICE
GOODBYE N. KED WITH APRON.
IT DIDN'T WORK.
HEEUGH

I'M SORRY FOR PUTTING YOU THROUGH ALL THIS ON YOUR BIRTHDAY.
4:20PM ON THE FERRIS WHEEL
OH DON'T NEED TO APOLOGIZE SO MUCH.
I GOT A LOT OF REST SO I'M FINE NOW. THE DOWNSIDE IS, IT'S SO LATE IN THE DAY NOW
I FEEL BAD FOR HIBIKI-KUN, BUT JUST STAY AS YOU ARE.
OKAY?
I HAVE ONE MORE METHOD TO TRY! LAST TIME I CHANGED BECAUSE OF IT!
IT'S NOTHING DANGEROUS IS IT?
IT'S SAFE, BUT IT'S A LITTLE EMBARASSING
?

TICKLE ME AS MUCH AS YOU CAN.
I HAVE NO WHERE TO RUN, AND IT'S JUST THE TWO OF US HERE.
T-THIS IS SOMETHING WORDERFUL THAT SURPASSED MY WILDEST IMAGINATIONS!
A-ARE YOU SURE?
Y-YOU CAN TICKLE ME UNTIL I TURN BLUE FROM LACK OF OXYGEN...

EVEN IF SHE HAS ACHIEVED BLACK, IF IT'S ONLY WITHIN THOSE MULTIPLE PERSONALITIES THAT SHE CAN'T CALL ON WHEN SHE WANTS, THEN IT'S AS GOOD AS USELESS TO THE CLAN
BUT
SUMIRE-SAMA SAID THAT A DIRECT ATTACK AGAINST GETTOH MOTOKO WOULD BE AN ACT OF AGGRESSION TOWARDS THE CLAN SO I'M PROHIBITED FROM DOING SO
.....!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO FORCE YOURSELF LIKE THAT FOR ME...
BE-SIDES ...
?
IF THAT'S SO, SUMIRE-SAMA WAS LIKELY ASKED TO BRING GETTOH MOTOKO TO THE CLAN

I'D RATHER KISS YOU.
BADUM
BADUM
BADUM
BADUM
BADUM
MY FIRST KISS
WILL BE
AND I HAD NO IDEA WHAT WAS GOING ON.
THAT TIME HIBIKI SUDDENLY SWITCHED OUT TO ME,
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'SUP.
H-H-HIBIKI--KUN!?
IT'S NOT LIKE I CAME HERE TO GET IN YOUR WAY BUT MOTOKO JUST
ARE TELLING THE TRUTH?
YES I AM, YOU GUYS WERE LOOKING GOOD BACK THERE
SO KISSING ME IS MORE SCARY THAN A ROLLER COASTER, OR ZOMBIES OR BUNGIE JUMPING?
BEING SCARED ISN'T THE ONLY THING THAT GETS YOUR HEART PUMPING, SO DON'T LET IT BOTHER YOU.

BUT IF SHE'S LIKE THIS FROM A KISS...
HAVING SEX IS WAY OUT OF THE PICTURE
HAVING
SE...
DON'T GIVE ME THAT WHEN YOU HAVE THAT INDECENT AURA FULL BLAST!
SHUT UP! GIRLS ARE INTERESTED IN THAT TOO!
YOU'VE GOT A PRETTY DIRTY MOUTH FOR A GIRL, HIBIKI-KUN!

SHE'S CHANGED PERSON-ALITIES!!
!?
WHAT THE!?

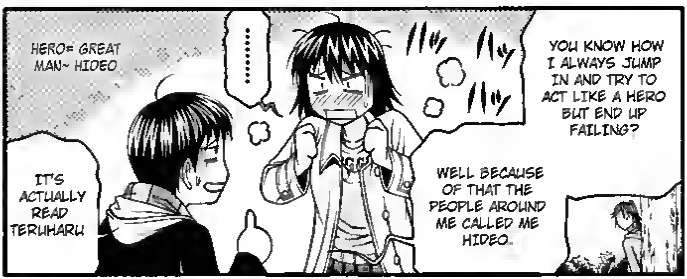
THEY WERE IN A SMALL SECURE FERRIS WHEEL CAR, AND HE DID IT THAT QUICK!?
KOSUKE-GAWA!!
WHAT ON EARTH DID YOU DO!?

I NEED TO GIVE YOU YOUR BIRTHDAY PRESENT!
HUH !?
OUT HERE !?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN OUT HERE?
I-IT'S NOTHING
HERE HAPPY BIRHTDAY
T-THANKS
OPEN IT UP, YOU'LL BE SURPRISED!
OUTSIDE MISELF
YEAH
OH YEAH!

WOW! A HAND KNIT SCARF!!
YEAH, THE FOUR OF US WORKED TOGETHER TO MAKE IT FOR YOU!
THANKS, THIS IS GREAT!
THE NORMAL LOOKING PARTS IS WHAT MOTOKO DID. THE MESSED UP PARTS IS WHAT MIKIRI AND I DID,
AND THE PART THAT LOOKS LIKE A PROFESSIONAL DID IT WAS FUJIKO
.....

GETTING YOUR INITIALS SEWN INTO YOUR SCARF BY YOUR GIRLFRIEND IS THE WAY TO GO RIGHT!
YOU KNOW
W-WHAT'S THIS HK?
WE SEWED IN YOUR INITIALS, HIDEO KOJIKEGAWA!
I HATE TO TELL YOU THIS, BUT...
MY NAME ISN'T HIDEO.
WHHAAAAT!?

BESIDES EVERYONE ALWAYS CALLS YOU THAT!!
EVEN WIKIPEDIA HAS YOU LISTED AS HIDEO!
DON'T YOU READ THAT AS HIDEO!?
C-CALM DOWN! YES YOU CAN READ IT THAT WAY, BUT HIDEO IS A NICK-NAME.


HERO= GREAT MAN~ HIDEO
.....
YOU KNOW HOW I ALWAYS JUMP IN AND TRY TO ACT LIKE A HERO BUT END UP FAILING?
IT'S ACTUALLY READ TERUHARU
WELL BECAUSE OF THAT THE PEOPLE AROUND ME CALLED ME HIDEO.

TO THINK MY INFORMATION WAS WRONG TOO ...
CORRECTION, KOSUKEGAWA HIXO --) TERUHARU

I'M REALLY HAPPY ABOUT THIS.
I WANT TO KEEP IT ON ME FOR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE
THEN IT'S T.K.! I'LL HAVE IT FIXED QUICKLY!
GUEH
R-REALLY!? YOU'RE HAPPY. OKAY THEN, I'LL FIX IT IN SPRING
DON'T WORRY, LEAVE IT LIKE THIS FOR THIS WINTER
RESULT OF THE NEW YE. R'S DAY OBSERVATION OF KOSUKEG. WA TERUH. RU. HE'S A FORMIDABLE ENEMY.
I'M SURPRISED THAT HE'S INTIMATE WITH THE OTHER PERSONALITIES TOO!

SIGH..
IT IS NOW 5PM. THE PARK WILL BE CLOSING. THANKS FOR COMING TODAY!
飛べ!

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO NOW? IT'S A LITTLE EARLY FOR DINNER...
THE PLAN WAS FOR ME TO COME OUT SOONER AND HAVE SOME FUN...

EVEN IF JUST GLIMPSE, LET ME SEE THE POWER OF BLACK!
LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I USE AN INDIRECT ATTACK
SINCE IT'LL LOOK LIKE AN ACCIDENT, I WON'T GET IN TROUBLE
飛べ!

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I THOUGHT SOMEONE WAS TRYING TO ATTACK...
THERE'S NOTHING?
W-WHAT?

AH!! I JUST THREW MY CORNDOG!!
I DIDN'T EVEN EAT HALF OF IT!
IF YOU DON'T MIND A FROZEN ONE, I HAVE IN MY HOUSE
THAT'S RIGHT. HOW ABOUT YOU COME TO MY HOUSE? THERE'S NO ONE THER RIGHT NOW.
AND I'D ACTUALLY LIKE YOU TO MAKE SOME FOOD...
HMM, IF YOU'RE FINE WITH THE FOOD THAT WE'RE GOING TO MAKE, SURE
AND YOU'RE ACTUALLY BOLD ENOUGH TO ASK A GIRL TO YOUR HOUSE WHEN NO ONE'S THERE?
AH...
THIS. THIS COULD BE THE BIGGEST CHANCE THAT I'LL EVER GET IN MY LIFE!
.....!!

WE'LL DEFINITELY BE THERE!
WELL, TODAY IS SPECIAL WHATEVER HAPPENS LATER DEPENDS ON HOW YOU PLAY YOUR CARDS
.....
WE WON'T LEAVE YOU ALONE AT YOUR TIME OF NEED!
FROM RIDER TECHS III EPISODE 47
YOU MIGHT JUST HAVE A LOT OF FUN
YOU SHOULD NEVER PLAY POKER THERE'S SOMETHING WRITTEN ON YOUR FACE
N-NO THERE ISN'T!
大人の階段
A LIE IN THE GUTTER

THIS CURRY IS GREAT!
WE'VE ALSO LEARNED TO ADAPT TO NORMAL EVERYDAY LIFE.
BUT THIS IS THE BEST WE CAN DO IN TERMS OF FOOD
I-I WOULDN'T SAY THAT.
THIS IS PERFECT! FUJIKO-SAN, YOU'RE GREAT AT JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING AREN'T YOU!
THAT'S GOOD TO HEAR.
CLEANING THAT UP WAS SUCH A PAIN!
THAT'S RIGHT ON YOUR FIRST ATTEMPT YOU TRIED TO BE TOO PERFECT AND LET IT SIMMER FOR 5 DAYS AND 3 NIGHTS, AND WE ENDED UP WITH A BOTTOMLESS POT
SHUT UP
.....
FOR BEST RESULTS, IT'S ACTUALLY SUPPOSED TO BE LEFT SIMMERING OVERNIGHT.

.....
YEAH.
WAIT A LITTLE BIT, OKAY
AFTER I CLEAN UP, I'LL SWITCH OVER TO MIKIRI
IT'S LIKE WE'RE NEWLY WEDS
I LIKE THE WAY THINGS ARE RIGHT NOW
AFTER HIBIKI-KUN MERGES WITH ZERO NOTHING ELSE NEEDS TO BE DONE
I'M SATSIFIED WITH SOMETHING THIS WONDERFUL.
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THIS FEELS GOOD ...

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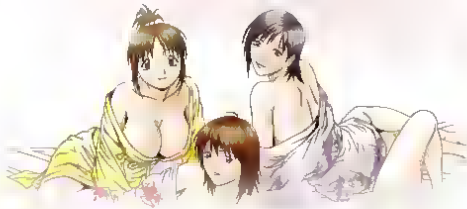
HA!
NOT GOOD, I DOZED OFF!
A LETTER?
HM?
I WANTED JUST THE TWO OF US TO STAY UP TILL MORNING PLAYING. OH WELL, YOU HAVE TO WORK TOMORROW, GOOD LUCK
HIBIKI
I WAS PLANNING ON TAKING A BATH WITH YOU!!
MIKIRI
I TRIED CALLING YOU A FEW TIMES, BUT SINCE YOU LOOKED SO COMFORTABLE THERE, WE WENT HOME. HAPPY 17TH BIRTHDAY
FUJIKO

YOU'RE REALLY HELPING ME OUT BY COMING ON THE 2ND. NOT MANY PEOPLE CAN WORK DURING NEW YEARS... YOU LOOK REALLY WORN OUT
N-NO I'M FINE. FROM TODAY UNTIL MARCH, I'LL BE IN YOUR HANDS AGAIN!
THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERO'S!
WE NEVER LET OUR CHANCES PASS US BY!
YEAH, THE NAME HIDEO FITS ME!

FROM THE RESULTS OF OBSERVING GETTOU MOTOKO, I'VE DECIDED TO TRY A DIFFERENT, BETTER APPROACH TO SEE HER BLACK
!
YES WE ARE
EXCUSE ME, ARE YOU STILL HIRING HERE?
AND THAT IS TO GET CLOSE TO KOSUKEGAWA TERUHARU
MY NAME IS UZURA SORA,
NICE TO MEET YOU.



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Case46 : SMOOTH IMAGE.

OH NO...
!
HEY, SOMEONE DROPPED THEIR CELL-PHONE.
WHAT THE?

AH
LET'S GO!
WHAT'S WITH THIS WALLPAPER?
I THINK THAT'S KOSUKE-GAWA'S CELL.
HE HAS A GIRLFRIEND NAMED MOTOKO, BUT HE HAS RIDER AS HIS WALLPAPER!
I'LL JUST CHANGE IT TO A PICTURE OF MOTOKO.
カチ カチ
LET'S SEE...
OH, HERE'S ONE!
BEEP
YOU KNOW
I DON'T THINK IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO LOOK THROUGH SOMEONE ELSE'S CELL PHONE
DON'T WORRY, IT'S ALL PICTURES OF YOU
WHICH ONE SHOULD WE REPLACE IT WITH?
BEEP
BEEP
WHAT?

WHY ARE THERE ALL THESE PICS OF HER BREASTS AND CROTCH IN HERE!!?
3/290
21/290
43/290
THAT DIRTY LITTLE OTAKU...
OH, THAT ONE'S SEE THROUGH.
WHAT AN ASS!!

HEY, DID ANYONE SEE MY CELLPHONE IN HERE?
AAH!!
.....
HUH!?
IF YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THE CELLPHONE WITH ALL THE DIRTY PICTURES ON IT, THEN IT'S RIGHT HERE
DIRTY PICTURES?
AH
STALKER!
YOU LITTLE PEEPER!
WE ALL SAW THEM!! THERE WERE 69 PICS WE DIDN'T SEE THOUGH!!
AND THAT'S NOT THE POINT, WHAT WERE YOU DOING RUMMAGING THROUGH SOMEONE ELSE'S CELL PHONE?
IT JUST HAPPENED SHE WAS IN THOSE POSES AT THE TIME!
I WASN'T PEEPING ON HER!

DON'T CHANGE THE SUBJECT! I BET YOU'VE SEEN SOMETHING ABOUT MOTOKO THAT SHE DOESN'T WANT ANYONE ELSE TO KNOW, AND THAT'S WHY YOU TWO ARE DATING!
THAT'S KIND OF TRUE
MOTOKO, IF YOU DON'T BREAK UP WITH HIM NOW, YOU'LL REGRET IT LATER!
YOU CAN JUST LET IT GO...
I'VE ALREADY DONE THOSE THINGS!
HE'LL PROBABLY MAKE YOU WALK THROUGH THE STREETS IN A TRENCH COAT WITH NOTHING UNDERNEATH,
OR HAVE YOU DO SOME WEIRD COSPLAY WHILE HE FILMS YOU!
HE'LL HAVE YOU DO WHATEVER HE WANTS
EEEK
BESIDES, DON'T YOU HAVE TO WORK TODAY? YOU SHOULD GET GOING.
I-I WOULDN'T DO ANYTHING LIKE THAT!
RIGHT MOTOKO-CHAN!
SHE'S...
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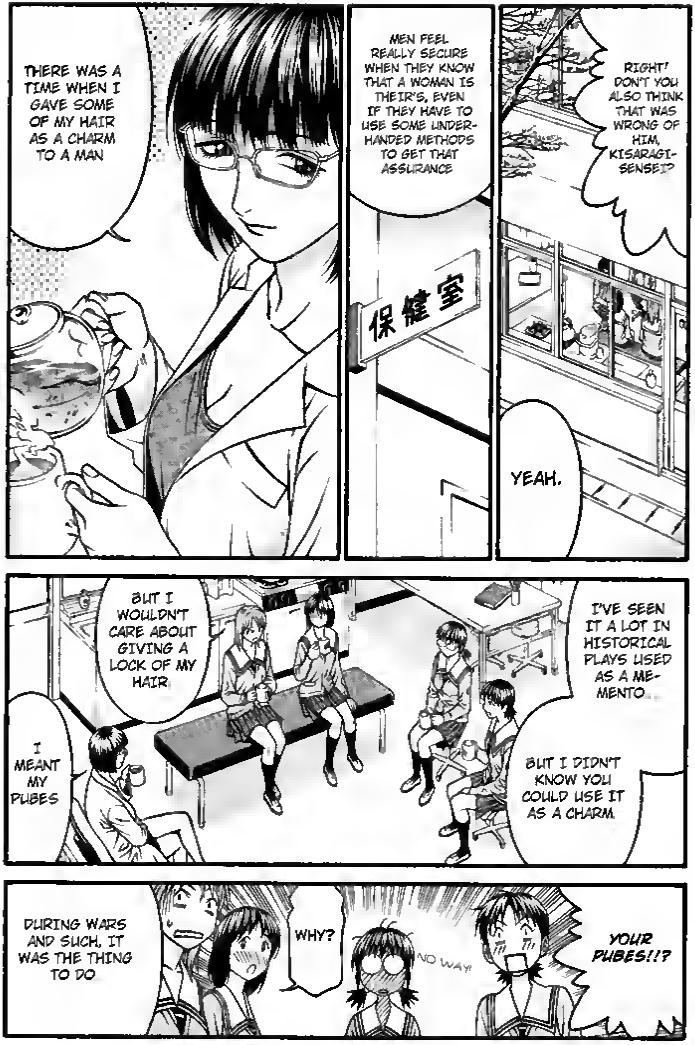
TREATING ME LIKE A VILLAIN.


THERE WAS A TIME WHEN I GAVE SOME OF MY HAIR AS A CHARM TO A MAN
MEN FEEL REALLY SECURE WHEN THEY KNOW THAT A WOMAN IS THEIR'S, EVEN IF THEY HAVE TO USE SOME UNDER-HANDED METHODS TO GET THAT ASSURANCE
保健室
RIGHT? DON'T YOU ALSO THINK THAT WAS WRONG OF HIM, KISARAGI-SENSEI?
YEAH.
BUT I WOULDN'T CARE ABOUT GIVING A LOCK OF MY HAIR
I'VE SEEN IT A LOT IN HISTORICAL PLAYS USED AS A MEMENTO
I MEANT MY PUBES
BUT I DIDN'T KNOW YOU COULD USE IT AS A CHARM
DURING WARS AND SUCH, IT WAS THE THING TO DO
WHY?
NO WAY!
YOUR PUBES!!?

THE JOKE IS LOST IN TRANSLATION. THE WORD FOR BULLETPROOF VEST IS "TAMAYOKE" THE WORD FOR BALLS/TESTICLES IS "TAMA" ISLAND). HENCE MOTOKO'S MISINTERPRETATION.

DIS-GUSTING!
WE GIRLS DON'T HAVE ANY BALLS!
THAT'S WHY THEY WANTED A WOMAN'S
THEY SAID IT WOULD BE A BULLETPROOF VEST
MEN ARE REALLY DIRTY DOGS!
YOU GUYS HAVE BEEN GOING OUT FOR OVER A YEAR!
HUUUH !!?
HE WOULDN'T HAVE THAT!
I BET YOU WITHIN THOSE 69 PICS WE DIDN'T SEE KOSUKEGAWA HAS A NUDE PIC OF MOTOKO IN THERE!
I SHOULD'VE DELETED THEM ALL!
YOU MEAN YOUR FIRST KISS?
YOU NORMALLY GET PASSED THAT POINT THE LATEST BY 1 MONTH THE SLOW ONES 2 MONTHS!
オロロ.
IS IT REALLY THAT STRANGE?
Y-YES
.....
WE HAVEN'T EVEN KISSED YET...

I JUST CAN'T DO IT.
WHENEVER I THINK ABOUT KISSING HIM, I GET SO NERVOUS
HOW ABOUT YOU START WITH A KISS ON THE CHEEK?
SERI-OUSLY, THIS OLD, OLD SCHOOL
YOUR FIRST KISS IS IMPORTANT, BUT...
Z" Z" I FEEL SORRY FOR HIM
I CAN UN-DERSTAND KOSUKEGA-WA-KUN GET-TING FRUS-TRATED
I THINK I CAN HANDLE THAT
.....
I ONLY HAVE 1 MONTH BEFORE I HAVE TO LEAVE HERE. IF THEIR RELATIONSHIP IS ONLY AT THAT LEVEL,
THEN SORA CAN EASILY SPLIT THEM UP

THAT MOTOKO GIRL ISN'T JUST SLOW IN MOVING, BUT SHE'S ALSO SLOW WHEN IT COMES TO LOVE.
YOU'VE GOT A TOUGH ONE ON YOUR HANDS KOSUKEGA-WA-KUN
KYAHAHAHA! I CAN'T BELIEVE THEY DID THAT!!♡
THIS ISN'T A LAUGHING MATTER SORA-SAN! EVEN MOTOKO-CHAN WAS AVOIDING
IF I DON'T PLAY MY CARDS RIGHT, I'LL HAVE TO START OVER FROM THE BEGINNING. AFTER WE FINALLY GOT TO THE POINT OF HOLDING HANDS...
THE WAY I SEE THINGS...
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茶濃

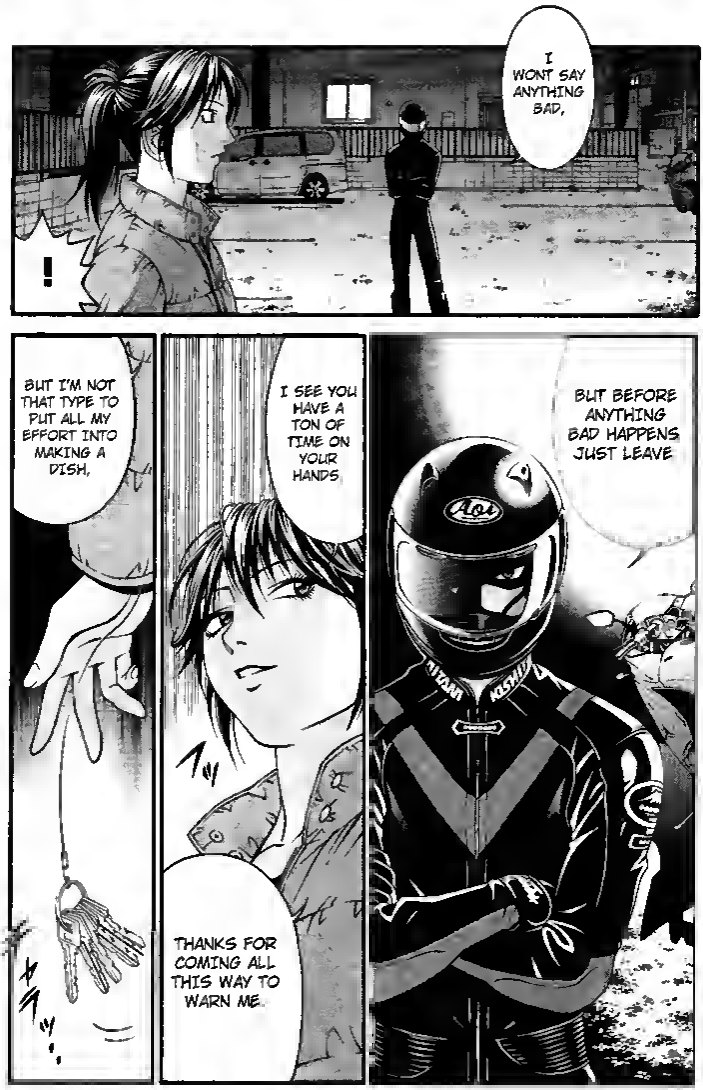
THE WAY YOU THINK AND FEEL ABOUT HER,
SHE DOESN'T FEEL THE SAME FOR YOU.
HUH!?
THAT'S ISN'T SOMETHING YOU CAN COMPARE
WELL, AFTER LISTENING TO YOUR STORY, SHE'S ALWAYS PASSIVE
AND THE BIGGEST THING IS, AFTER GOING OUT WITH YOU FOR A FULL YEAR, SHE DOESN'T EVEN KNOW YOUR FIRST NAME.
THAT'S BECAUSE SHE MISREAD IT IS ALL, AND SHE'S A LATE BLOOMER.
I BET...
TAKE CARE OF THE REGISTER PLEASE.
ON MY WAY.
カニャニ

I THOUGHT SO.
KISHITA

AND WHAT'S WORSE, I WAS AVOIDING HIM LIKE THE PLAGUE BECAUSE OF A STUPID PHOTO.
HE CRIED A LITTLE
KOSUKEGAWA-KUN IS THE ONLY LINK BETWEEN THE NORMAL WORLD, AND HIFUMI AND ME
THEY'RE ALL RIGHT. FORGET NOT EVEN KISSING KOSUKEGA-WA-KUN...
I HAVEN'T ACCEPTED ANYTHING ABOUT HIM.
I NEED TO MAKE DINNER
OH NO! IT'S PASSED 7!
KOSUKEGA-WA-KUN SAID HE ENDS WORK AT 7:30 RIGHT?
.....

TRY TO BE EASY ABOUT IT,
AND...
I NEED TO TELL HIM THAT TODAY WAS JUST A MIS-UNDERSTANDING
BE NATURAL,
I NEED... MUSTER UP THE COURAGE.
AND LET HIM KISS ME ON THE CHEEK!
LET'S GO.

KOSUKEGA-WA-KUN, YOU'RE NOT LEAVING YET?
I KNOW,
AFTER I TAKE THESE BOXES OUT, I'LL LEAVE
YOU DON'T GET PAID FOR OVERTIME HERE.
OKAY, SEE YA.
YEAH, LATER.
OKAY, I THINK THIS IS GOOD ENOUGH MAYBE I SHOULD TRY TO SEDUCE HIM.
NO ALTHOUGH HE'S YOUR FIRST CLASS PERV HE HAS NOT BALLS WHATSOEVER IT'LL ONLY MAKE THINGS WORSE IF HE TAKES ME SERIOUSLY


I WONT SAY ANYTHING BAD,
!
BUT I'M NOT THAT TYPE TO PUT ALL MY EFFORT INTO MAKING A DISH,
I SEE YOU HAVE A TON OF TIME ON YOUR HANDS
BUT BEFORE ANYTHING BAD HAPPENS JUST LEAVE
THANKS FOR COMING ALL THIS WAY TO WARN ME.
Aoi
YAMA
ASHI

AND THEN THROW IT AWAY BEFORE EATING IT.
月極駐車場
I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D LISTEN TO WORDS OF WARNING
MY ONLY OPTION LEFT IS TO PUT YOU IN THE HOSPITAL FOR A MONTH!

LIKE YOU CAN!
Aoi
WHILE YOU'RE PULLING YOUR WEAPON BACK,
A ROCK?

YOU CAN'T ATTACK!
TSK!
SHE DODGED !?

ドカッ
ヒュ
ブワッ

TOO BAD, BUT THESE BOOTS WERE MADE FOR BIKERS. YOUR KEYS WONT GET THROUGH IT'S TOUGHNESS
WHOA...
KISHITAM
HMM, I THOUGHT YOU WERE THE TYPE THAT ONLY USED YOUR STRENGTH, BUT I GUESS YOU DO HAVE BRAINS
PEEK
THIS MATCH UP ISN'T IN MY FAVOR I CAN ONLY LAST ABOUT 3 MINUTES IN A CLOSE QUARTERS FIGHT
HURRY AND GET OUT HERE!
IF YOU MAKE HER ANGRY...

THANKS FOR THE GOOD INFO.
SO GETTING HER ANGRY IS THE WAY TO DO IT HUH?
BEING IN THE HOSPITAL FOR A MONTH WOULD BE GETTING OFF EASY.
YOU LITTLE!
PEEK
HE'S HERE!

KYAAH!
HUH?
THAT WAS SORA-SAN'S VOICE!
AHHH !!
OH NO!!

I'LL MAKE SURE...
AH.
THAT YOU SPEND 1 FULL MONTH IN THE HOSPITAL!!

STOP IT!!!
!?
F-FOOL!
KUHN.
EO
H。
?
WH-WHOA

G-G-G...
UGGHHH
GO AWAY!!
WHAT THE!?
IT'S THE SAME PAINT USED TO MARK A BANK ROBBER!!

SHOULD I CALL THE POLICE?
REALLY ?
TSK ...
すたこら
ARE YOU ALRIGHT? WERE YOU INJURED?
I REFUSED HIS PICK UPS AND HE KNOCKED ME TO THE GROUND. BUT I'M ALRIGHT.
HUH?
DO YOU REMEMBER ANYTHING SPECIFIC ABOUT HIM, OR HIS LICENSE PLATE NUMBER?
NO. THE ONLY THING I CAN REMEMBER IS THAT HE'S BIG
IF SO, THE POLICE WON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO GO ON. I WANT YOU TO STAY WITH ME, I'M STILL SHAKING

NOT GOOD! I NEED TO GET THIS PAINT OFF FAST!
YOU COULDN'T HAVE PICKED A WORSE TIME...
!!
ひょこ
EEK!

SCREEECH
WATCH IT FOOL!!
SIGH
THERE'S NO POINT IN ME GETTING A KISS ON THE CHEEK FROM HIM.
I SHOULD AT LEAST TELL HIM NOT TO WORRY ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED EARLIER

NONE OF THEM HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT I'M GOING THROUGH!
SPLASH
WHY THE HELL DO I HAVE TO BE THE BUTT ROLE?
I DON'T THINK SORA WILL CONTACT THE POLICE, BUT I BETTER DO THIS IN A PLACE A LITTLE FARTHER AWAY...
OKAY, I GOT THE COLOR OFF. BUT THE PAINT HAS MATERIAL IN IT THAT GIVES IT A LUMINOL REACTION...
IT'S NOT GOING TO BE EASY GETTING THIS OFF WITH A NON-ACIDIC SOLUTION.
DAMMIT !!

ACHOO
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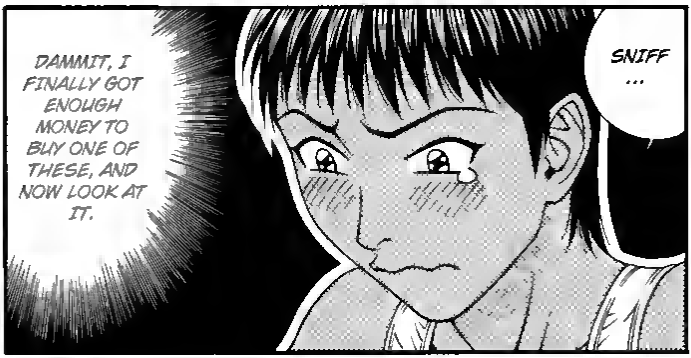
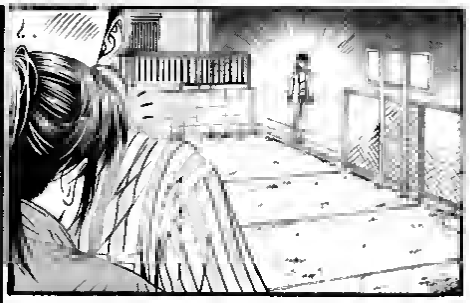
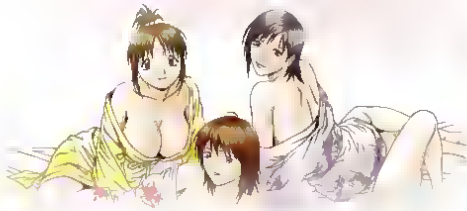

DAMMIT, I FINALLY GOT ENOUGH MONEY TO BUY ONE OF THESE, AND NOW LOOK AT IT.
SNIFF
...

T/N I DON'T THINK I EXPLAINED THIS TOO WELL IN THE LAST CHAPTER. MOSTLY BECAUSE IT'S A LITTLE ANNOYING TO EXPLAIN, SO I'LL TRY TO MAKE IT SHORT. THE WORD FOR HERO (EIYUU) CAN ALSO BE READ HIDEO A LOT OF HERO'S IN THE OLD SENTAI (KAMEN RIDER) WERE NAMED HIDEO BUT HE'S NEITHER SO HE GETS MOCKED~



I...
HUH!?
BUT I ALREADY HAVE A GIRL-FRIEND!
I THINK I'VE FALLEN FOR YOU.
BUT I CAN'T HELP FALLING FOR YOU.
!!

KO-
SUKE-
GAWA
…



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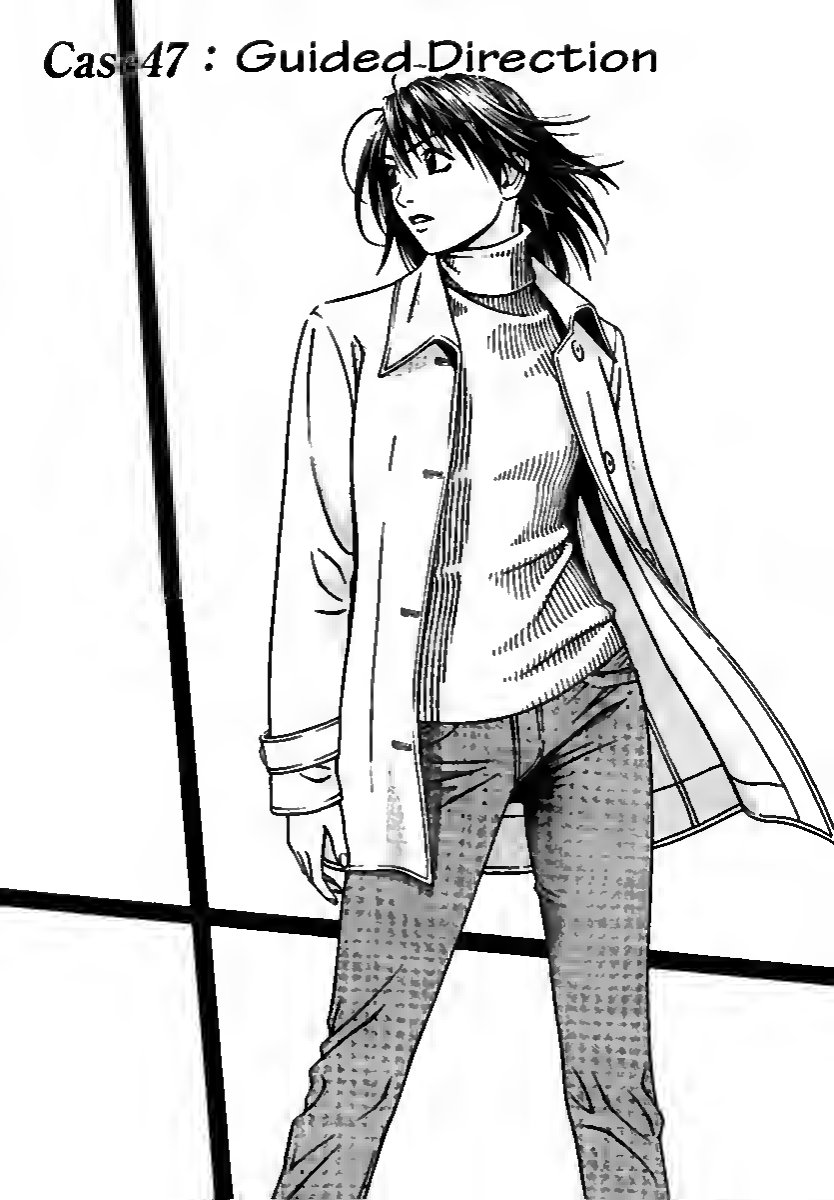

... I AM SORRY FOR THE SUDDEN KISS.
I JUST DON'T LIKE HIDING MY FEELINGS.

SHE'S TWIRLING INSIDE MY MOUTH!
SO, SORA-SAN.
DOK! DOK!
IT'S FINE THAT MOTOKO-CHAN IS YOUR NUMBER 1 KOSUKEGAWA-KUN. I'LL TRY MY BEST TO BE NUMBER 2

BUT.
SMILE
MY NUMBER 1 IS KOSUKEGAWA-KUN.
DON
……
I'M FINE NOW. THE TREMBLING STOPPED.
I'LL GO HOME NOW.
♡
SHE WONT DO ANYTHING ABOUT A KISS? WELL, THAT'S FINE NOW THAT THE SEED HAS BEEN PLANTED, IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE IT GROWS

WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO WATCH ?
THEN, LET'S PASS BY THE RENTAL VIDEO STORE AND RENT AN EPISODE OF RAIDER OF YOUR CHOICE.
AH... AAH. THEN—
!!!
YOU KNOW, I THINK IT'S BETTER IF I TAKE YOU HOME. THE GUY FROM EARLIER MIGHT BE WAITING FOR YOU.
REALLY !? THANK YOU.
I'VE TO CONSIDER KOSUKEGAWA'S INVOLVEMENT, AS WELL.
YOU ENDURED WELL I WAS CONVINCED THAT ZERO MIGHT APPEAR

CHANGE A PERSON'S FEELINGS WITH VIOLENCE.
YOU CANNOT
I CAN UNDERSTAND HER FEELINGS OF BEING FINE AS THE SECOND, A BIT.
FUR-THER-MORE.
WELL—
THE GUY WE LIKE ISN'T POPULAR WITH THE GIRLS.
I SEE.. SHE IS A BIT LIKE US, RIGHT

KOSUKEGAWA WON'T BETRAY US !!
THERE'S ONE THING WE CAN BE SURE ABOUT..
YES !
BUT HE SEEMS TO BE A BIT WEAK AGAINST SEDUC-TION ..
KOSUKE-NII-CHAN IS A NICE GUY, SO HE ALWAYS FALLS INTO TRAPS
THA...
THAT MIGHT BE ..

HAVE SOME TEA, IT'LL WARM YOU UP.
THANKS FOR LETTING ME USE YOUR BATH.
TO THINK YOU WERE THE ONE WASHING YOUR CLOTHES IN THE RIVER IN THIS COLD WEATHER...
I CALLED YOUR CELL JUST IN CASE, AND IT TURNED OUT TO BE YOU...
I'M STILL REALLY INEXPERIENCED ...
I ALSO DID NOT REALIZE THAT SUMIRE-SAMA WOULD KEEP AN EYE ON SORA AT THAT PLACE.
Why are we letting Sora do as she pleases !?
The only thing she wants is to see black. And only out of pure curiosity!

THAT IS THE DESIRE OF THE LEADER, HER GRANDMOTHER, WHO REQUESTED THIS.
THE JOB I TOOK OVER FOR YOU IS TO BRING GETTOU MOTOKO TO THE FAMILY.
WOULD ALSO BE A GREAT ASSET FOR OUR FAMILY'S WORK?
THE GIRL'S WELL-FAMED POWER OF HER MULTIPLE PERSONALITIES HIFUMI
I AM FULLY AWARE OF THE LEADER'S FEELINGS... MOTOKO ALSO MIGHT LIKE TO MEET HER. FURTHERMORE
CUT ALL TIES WITH SOCIETY, OTHER THAN THOSE INVOLVED. I AM GRIEVING ABOUT THIS--
BUT IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE SECRET OF THE CLAN WE HAVE TO

TSUKISHIMA IMAGE
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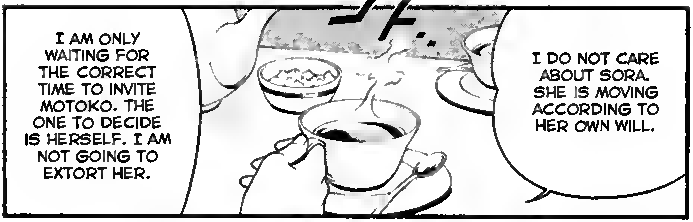
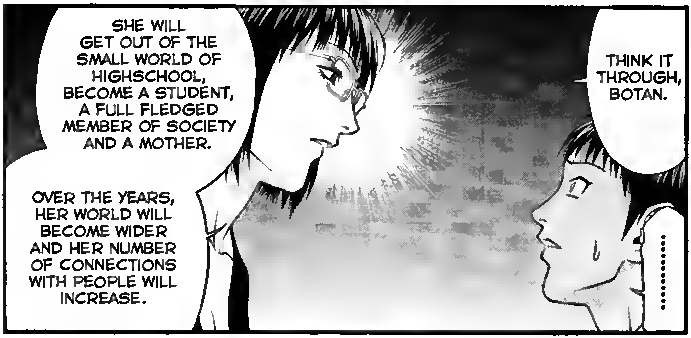
THERE IS NO NEED TO TAKE PEOPLE OR HER HAPPINESS AWAY. WHEN THEY PASS ON THIS OPPORTUNITY, HE WILL REMAIN A LITTLE BOY AND TOTAL NERD WHO IS UNRELATED TO WOMEN, FOREVER.
I AM KOSUKEGAWA.
YOU ARE REALLY GAZING FROM ABOVE
Can't we leave those oppressed people a little bit of their happiness ?
LOSING HER MOTHER AT A YOUNG AGE, HAVING TO HIDE HER MULTI PERSONALITY DISORDER COMPLETELY ON HER OWN. A GIRL WITH MEANINGLESS HUGE BREASTS AND PLAINLY SLOW.
TSUKISHIMA IMAGE
JUL JUL TIMID
ICHINORU
This girl has finally found her ordinary happiness !
SHE CANNOT CONTROL BLACK'S POWER PERFECTLY AS OF YET.
Furthermore
Is Sumire-sama waiting for this !?
'If Black would come out in the middle of town, Sora would not get out unharmed. Above that, Motoko would be completely isolated from society-


コト..
I AM ONLY WAITING FOR THE CORRECT TIME TO INVITE MOTOKO. THE ONE TO DECIDE IS HERSELF. I AM NOT GOING TO EXTORT HER.
I DO NOT CARE ABOUT SORA. SHE IS MOVING ACCORDING TO HER OWN WILL.


SHE WILL GET OUT OF THE SMALL WORLD OF HIGHSCHOOL, BECOME A STUDENT, A FULL FLEDGED MEMBER OF SOCIETY AND A MOTHER.
OVER THE YEARS, HER WORLD WILL BECOME WIDER AND HER NUMBER OF CONNECTIONS WITH PEOPLE WILL INCREASE.
THINK IT THROUGH, BOTAN.
.....

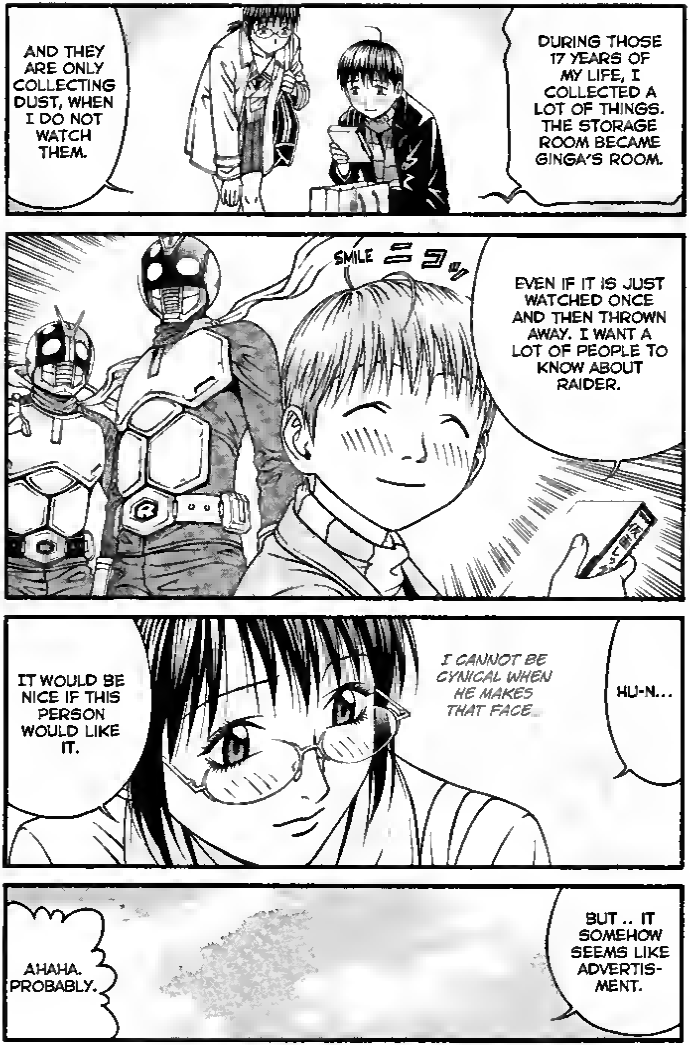
IT IS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME, UNTIL MOTOKO WILL BE ISOLATED FROM SOCIETY.
CAN KOSUKEGAWA-KUN ON HIS OWN PROTECT HER WITHOUT FAIL ?

MORNING
[RETURNING TO THE FAMILY]
THE ONLY PLACE SHE CAN LIVE WITH HER MULTI PERSONALITY DISORDER IS HER PARENT'S HOME. THAT MEANS...
.. I SEE. THE ONLY PLACE WHERE GETTOU MOTOKO DOES NOT NEED TO HIDE ANYTHING
!!

Mor.....
SHOCK
Mor-
ning.
No nothing. But more importantly, today's mor-ning with Hibiki-kun ?
オロオロ
TROUBLED
WHAT ARE YOU SHRIE-KING UP FOR?
YOU HAVE RINGS UNDER YOUR EYES. DID YOU NOT SLEEP WELL ?
... AAH.
SHE IS SOMEONE WHO ENJOYS TORTURING ONE'S MIND HUH
COMPARA-TIVELY SERIOUS FOR A LEWD PERSON

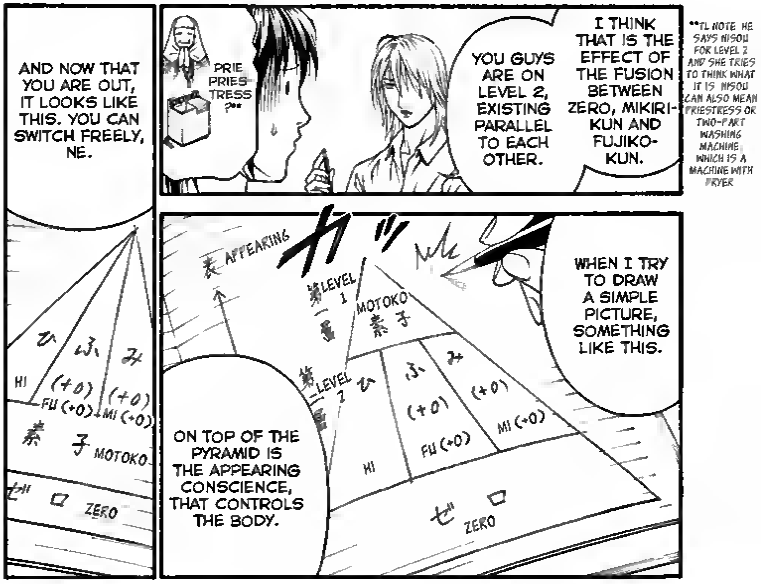
IMPOSING STANCE
?
BUT SHE MIGHT UNDERSTAND WHEN I EXPLAIN TO HER THAT I WAS SUDDENLY KISSED
Umm. to be honest
AH- HE'S DISTRESSED HE IS DISTRESSED
WHAT SHOULD I DO- I SHOULD REALLY AS A FOLLOWER OF JUSTICE TELL HER THAT I KISSED SOMEONE OTHER THAN MOTOKO-CHAN RIGHT ? - NO
I can't !
When Hibiki-kun gets angry, might Zero appear in this place. That would be a catastrophe...
SFX DOKI
YET, HIBIKI WILL LET HER FIST SPEAK FIRST !!
We have nice weather today ne.
We
NO GOOD- !! I COULD WITH FUJIKO-SAN
THE ENTIRE VIDEOCOLLECTION OF KAMEN RAIDER, SHIN-KAMEN
AH, THIS IS.
EH !?
I CAN TELL BY JUST LOOKING. IT IS WARM. MORE IMPORTANTLY. WHAT IS THAT BAGGAGE ?

ガサ..
OPENING
IS IT OKAY TO HAND THEM OVER ?
THAT PERSON TOLD ME, THAT SHE'D LIKE TO SEE RAIDER, SO I GIVE THEM TO HER.
I told you that the person, who saved Motoko-chan on her birthday was working at the same place as !, right ?
ON THE TAPES KAMEN RAIDER
THESE TAPES CARRY MANY MEMORIES OF MY CHILDHOOD. SO I COULD NOT THROW THEM AWAY.
... YES. I'M ALREADY BIDDING FOR THE DVDS- YET
RIGHT !?
.... IT'S ALRIGHT TO HAVE KEPT THEM UNTIL NOW, WHEN THEY ARE SO IMPORTANT.
AH ! LOOK HERE. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME, I MANAGED TO DRAW RAIDER WELL
OOH, IT'S EVEN IN COLOR !
HEE-
THIS SIGN ON THE LABEL OF VOLUME 3 ! THAT WAS MY FIRST KANJI


AND THEY ARE ONLY COLLECTING DUST, WHEN I DO NOT WATCH THEM.
DURING THOSE 17 YEARS OF MY LIFE, I COLLECTED A LOT OF THINGS. THE STORAGE ROOM BECAME GINGA'S ROOM.
SMILE ニヨッ
EVEN IF IT IS JUST WATCHED ONCE AND THEN THROWN AWAY. I WANT A LOT OF PEOPLE TO KNOW ABOUT RAIDER.
IT WOULD BE NICE IF THIS PERSON WOULD LIKE IT.
I CANNOT BE CYNICAL WHEN HE MAKES THAT FACE...
HU-N...
AHAHA. PROBABLY.
BUT .. IT SOMEHOW SEEMS LIKE ADVERTISMENT.

DO YOU HAVE A MOMENT ?
HOW RARE. THAT YOU GUYS WOULD SEEK ME OUT TO ASK A QUESTION.
YOU ARE....
HIBIKI-KUN, NE.~ PLEASE ASK AWAY.
COULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO FUSE WITH ZERO, WHEN SHE APPEARS MORE EASILY ?
RATTLE

THERE WERE RECENTLY MOMENTS WHEN I COULD SIMPLY USE FUJIKO OR MIKIRI'S MOVEMENTS AND TECHNIQUES.
ALTHOUGH I AM STILL NOT AT THEIR LEVEL.
THAT WOULD BE THE MOST DESIRED FUSION, BUT WERE THERE ANY CHANGES ?


AND NOW THAT YOU ARE OUT, IT LOOKS LIKE THIS. YOU CAN SWITCH FREELY, NE.
PRIESTRESS**
YOU GUYS ARE ON LEVEL 2, EXISTING PARALLEL TO EACH OTHER.
I THINK THAT IS THE EFFECT OF THE FUSION BETWEEN ZERO, MIKIRI-KUN AND FUJIKO-KUN.
**I'LL NOTE HE SAYS MISOU FOR LEVEL 2 AND SHE TRIES TO THINK WHAT IT IS MISOU CAN ALSO MEAN PRIESTRESS OR TWO-PART WASHING MACHINE WHICH IS A MACHINE WITH FRYER
APPEARING
LEVEL 1
MOTOKO
LEVEL 2
HI
FU (+0)
MI (+0)
ZERO
WHEN I TRY TO DRAW A SIMPLE PICTURE, SOMETHING LIKE THIS.
ON TOP OF THE PYRAMID IS THE APPEARING CONSCIENCE, THAT CONTROLS THE BODY.

YES. FURTHERMORE WHEN YOU FUSE WITH ZERO WILL LEVEL 2 AND 3 ALSO FUSE.
AH- SO WE ARE ON A PARALLEL LINE- AND IT IS NORMAL FOR US ON THE SECOND LEVEL, HUH.

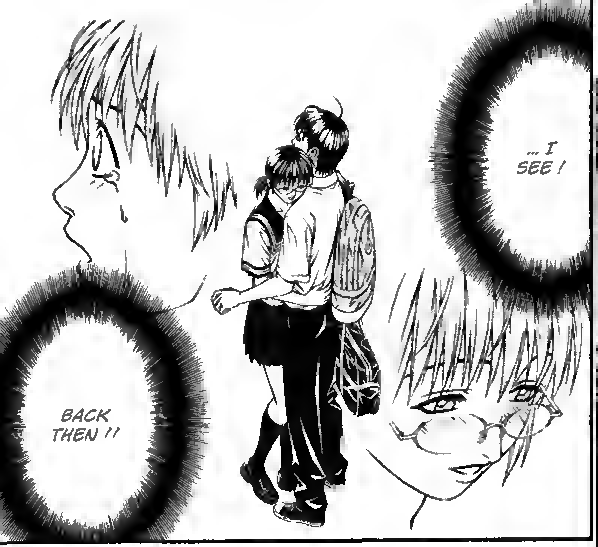
IT IS BETTER TO TELL YOU, WHILE MOTOKO IS UNAWARE OF THE CURRENT SITUATION.
WE ARE STILL NOT AT A STAGE WHERE I CAN TELL THE PERSON IN QUESTION, BUT THIS IS JUST FINE

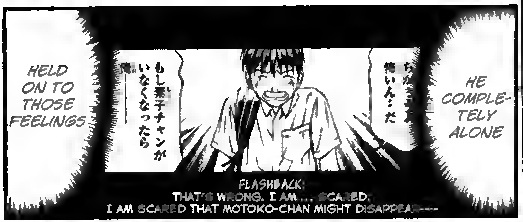
IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR MOTOKO-KUN TO ALSO GO THROUGH SOME CHANGES.
IF NOTHING HAPPENS, SHE IS THE HOST.
REALLY ?

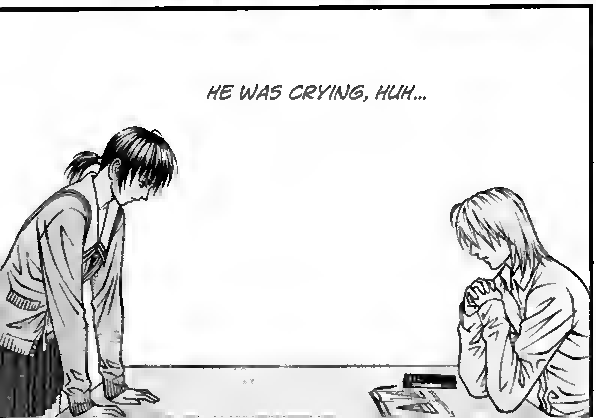
THE TRUE FORM OF YOU IS THAT OF GUARDIANS, APPEARING IN TIME OF DISTRESS.

THE HOST NATURALLY ADMINISTERS THE OTHER PERSONALITIES.
.....

THIS MEANS, THAT THE GIRL THINKING OF HERSELF AS THE TRUE FORM, MOTOKO
MIGHT BE A PERSONALITY SIMILAR TO YOU GUYS.
!!
SO...
ZERO IS THE
TRUE FORM!?


... I SEE !
BACK THEN !!


HELD ON TO THOSE FEELINGS
もし栗子チャンがいなくなったら
ちがう、俺いんだ
HE COMPLE-TELY ALONE
FLASHBACK:
THAT'S WRONG. I AM... SCARED.
I AM SCARED THAT MOTOKO-CHAN MIGHT DISAPPEAR----


HE WAS CRYING, HUH...

Tha, that can't be....
DOES KOSUKE-GAWA KNOW ABOUT THIS ?
AFTER MIKIRI-KUN FUSED WITH ZERO---- IT BECAME CLEAR DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS, TO BE THE ONLY POSSIBILITY.

HUH? WHERE IS MOTOKO-CHAN?
EH? SHE WENT HOME.
IN THE END I GO ALONG WITH SORA'S SCHEMING.
HOWEVER, WHEN SUMIRE-SAMA'S WORDS ARE CORRECT, THE THING I MUST DO IS...

KISTAN
WAAH
♡
THANK YOU. I WILL WATCH THEM ALL TONIGHT!
UMM, JUST FOCUS ON WATCHING ONE PER DAY.
.....
GAAH.

ちゃぷん
UNDER WATER
ブク ブク ブク
SMALL BUBBLES
……

IT GOES ACCORDING TO KANAMI'S PLAN BUT THIS IS FINE WITH US.
AFTER THE FUSION WITH ZERO IS COMPLETE, IT IS OUR TURN
RIGHT♡
YES, BECAUSE WE WILL BECOME ONE WITH HOTOKO.

MIKIRI DOES NOT WANT TO HAVE THOSE FEELINGS OR SEE KOSUKE-NII-CHAN'S SAD FACE !
I DO NOT WANT TO BECOME ONE WITH ZERO OR SOME PERSON I DO NOT KNOW.
.....!
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SPLASH
KOSUKE-GAWA'S FACE WILL ALSO BE CLOUDED OVER
TRUE IT IS A HYPOTHETICAL CONVERSATION, BUT WHEN WE DISAPPEAR IN DARKNESS
I WILL TELL HIM, THAT HE DOES NOT NEED TO WORRY ABOUT THE EROTIC PICTURE ON THE CELLPHONE OR THE KISS FROM YESTERDAY !!
I WILL TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR TAKING THE BURDEN OFF KOSUKEGAWA'S HEART AND DRAW A SMILE ON HIS FACE !
EH? WHY.
OKAY MIKIRI, SWITCH WITH ME !

GOOD BYE.
I WILL EXCUSE MYSELF FOR TODAY.
OKAY, GOOD JOB.
I HAVE TO TURN HER OFFER OF BEING THE NUMBER 2 DOWN
DOKI DOKI
LET'S GO HOME TOGETHER, KOSUKE-GAWA-KUN ♡
O, OKAY.
TAP TAP
KOSUKE-GAWA-KUN
EH ?
SURPRISED
THOSE FEELINGS ARE THE SAME AS MINE BACK THEN I CAN UNDERSTAND
BUT EVEN WITH THAT—
SEE? I WONDERED FOR A WHILE, BUT IS THAT THE TOKYO TOWER ?

IT'S BEEN HALF A YEAR SINCE I CAME TO TOKYO, BUT I STILL DO NOT KNOW THE ATTRACTIONS OF THIS CITY. I'VE ONLY BEEN WORKING...
ALTHOUGH I FINALLY GOT TO TOKYO, THAT I'VE LONGED FOR SO LONG, HAHA.
NO IT'S NOT... THAT'S AN ANTENNA OF SOMETHING.
OH, HOW DISAPPOINTING
S, SHOULD I SHOW YOU AROUND?
DAMN— I WAS TOO SLOW.....
NO, NO. THE WEEKENDS ARE YOUR FREE IMPORTANT DAYS FOR DATES WITH MOTOKO-CHAN.
IT'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME WHEN WE GET TO TALK WHILE WE WORK ON WEEKDAYS.
SHOULD I WAIT TILL SHE PARTS WAYS WITH KOSUKEGAWA..
.....

UNTIL TOMO-RROW, NE ♡
SORA-SAN, LET'S GO SIGHTSEEING AFTERALL ! SPRING BREAK WILL COME SOON.
EH?
REALLY !?
YES
THEN. GOOD NIGHT.
HUH
HEAVY
.....
I REALLY MADE SOME GOOD MEMORIES ON THIS DAY, THANKS TO YOU KOSUKEGAWA-KUN
GARBAGE

OKAY, NOW!
たたた
TAP TAP TAP
DUMP
SOMY KAMEN RAIDER 1
SOMY KAMEN RAIDER 2
SOMY KAMEN RAIDER 3
SOMY KAMEN RAIDER 4

DID YOU NOT WISH TO WATCH THOSE TAPES ?
I WAS FOLLOWED !?
WHAT SHOULD I DO !?
!!

SHOULD I TRY TO DECEIVE HER ..
I WANTED TO DIRECT MY FURY AT KOSUKE-GAWA, BUT
SHOULD I MAKE GOOD USE OF THIS OPPORTUNI-TY OR
I-

I WILL PUSH FOR A RESULT !!
I HATE PEOPLE AND TV PROGRAMS SPEAKING ABOUT JUSTICE, LOVE OR BEAUTIFUL THINGS.
I SEE...
GLARE
CLINK
A GUY LIKE THAT
SHOULD AT LEAST ONCE FACE THIS WORLD'S DESPAIR.
.....

DASH

SHE DOES NOT AVOID IT !?
SCRATCH
FAST !!

Big Impact
THIS LEVEL OF POWER, DESPITE MY GUARD..
SLIDE

AAH !?
ゆら…
Guh
CRACK
!?

THREATENING ATMOSPHERE...
AS LONG AS YOU ARE HERE
KO-SUKE-GAWA WILL CRY

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SHADOWSKILL & JOLIAME

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CRITICAL POINT

"BLACK'S" TRUE POWER!
KOSUKEGAWA WILL CRY.
SO LONG AS YOU'RE HERE,
THE HAND I USED TO GUARD IS BROKEN! I CAN ONLY DODGE HER ATTACKS, THIS IS...
UGH...

!!
I'LL BE IN SERIOUS TROUBLE IF I TAKE ANOTHER ATTACK!
AFTER ONE ATTACK, I UNDER-STOOD...

THAT SOMEONE OF MY LEVEL CANNOT FACE HER...
HEAD ON!
DOOO

HOWEVER...

I CAN DODGE HER ATTACKS!
I'M THE SPEED TYPE.
MY COLOR IS BLUE.
IF I PUT EVERYTHING INTO RUNNING AWAY, EVEN IF I'M FACING BLACK...

!!
GUAHHH!
CRACCKKK!!

BEEEP BEEEP BEEEP!!!
!
GEHO
GUHUEK!
AGUHH!
I CAN'T MOVE!!

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SORA!
ドオオ
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ドン!!
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THIS IS WHY I TOLD YOU NOT TO DO ANYTHING TO HER!
BOTAN!?
THERE'S ONLY ONE THING THAT I CAN DO HERE!
AND THAT'S KEEP THE DAMAGE DONE BY 'BLACK' TO A MINIMUM.

JUST LEAVE ME ALONE!
I'M DOING THIS FOR THE FAMILY!
I CAN'T LEAVE YOU HERE TO DIE AND MAKE MOTOKO INTO A KILLER!
NOW DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT WOUND ON YOUR ARM!
I'VE HEARD THAT THE AMOUNT OF TIME SHE CAN STAY AS BLACK IS LIMITED, SO WE'RE GOING TO AVOID HER
UNTIL IT RUNS OUT.
YOU'RE STILL ALIVE?

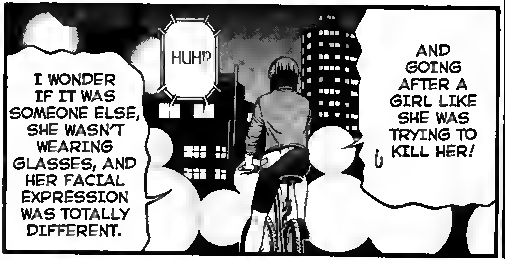
!
DAMMIT!
SHE GOT MY FRONT WHEEL!

YOU WONT BE ABLE TO AVOID HER LIKE THIS, JUST LEAVE ME BEHIND.
I'M PREPARED TO FACE THE CONSE-QUENCES FOR WHAT I'VE DONE.
I CAN STILL CONTROL THE BIKE LIKE THIS!
DON'T GIVE ME THAT CRAP NOW!
WE NEED TO BRING HER TO A PLACE WHERE THERE AREN'T A LOT OF PEOPLE.

OUR FAMILY ALWAYS MEMORIZES THE MAP OF THE PLACE WE WILL BE STAYING IN
Pi
SOMEONE WHO FOLLOWS THE RULES LIKE BOTAN WILL DEFINITELY DO THAT.
AND IF SHE'S GOING TO LURE BLACK OUT...
IT'LL BE HERE.
Pi Pi
SORA, BOTAN, I'M SENDING HELP TO YOU GUYS RIGHT NOW.

HELLO? THIS IS KOSUKE-GAWA.
UM, I JUST SAW GETTOU-SAN CARRYING A METAL PIPE...

DALALA LALA
!
KISARAGI-SENSEI?


HUH?
I WONDER IF IT WAS SOMEONE ELSE, SHE WASN'T WEARING GLASSES, AND HER FACIAL EXPRESSION WAS TOTALLY DIFFERENT.
AND GOING AFTER A GIRL LIKE SHE WAS TRYING TO KILL HER!

I BET YOU IT'S SOMEONE ELSE! BUT..
CAN YOU TELL ME WHERE YOU SAW THEM?
IT'S ZERO!

THEY WENT INTO A BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION ON 2ND STREET
OKAY THANKS I'LL CALL GETTOU-SAN JUST TO MAKE SURE, BYE!

!
IS IT HIBIKI-KUN?
IT'S CLOSE BY!

THIS BAD, WHAT SHOULD I DO!?

THEN DOES THAT MEAN SHE'S FIGHTING SORA-SAN?
DID SHE SEE ME WITH SORA-SAN AND TURN INTO ZERO!?
.....

JUST A LITTLE FARTHER...
AH!
AH!
WHOA!

ガラガラ
4M
ガラ…
UGH.
全一
全一
!

GAAH HHH!!
KISHITA
SORA! RUN INTO THE BUILDING AND HIDE!
SHE'S ONLY GOING AFTER ME!?
ジャマダ
GETTOU, CALM DOWN!
ISHITANI
YOU HAVE AL-READY ...

BOTAN!
TSK
FUU
SINCE THIS PLACE IS BEING USED,
HAA
HAA
HAA
THERE SHOULD BE SOME-THING I COULD USE AS A WEAPON..

ARGH HH!
STAY STILL!
たたたっ
HAA
HAA
THIS IS IT

DAMMIT.
!
HE REALLY IS FIGHTING SORA-SAN!!
HIBIKI-KUN, STOP!
SORA-SAN DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG!!
!?

GEFU!
OUT OF MY WAY!
I'M SORRY!
EH..
IT'S ALL MY FAULT!
IT'S MY FAULT FOR NOT BEING CLEAR WITH SORA-SAN, I'M SORRY!
SO PLEASE DON'T...
GET SERIOUS!

HUH!?
THERE WAS NO WAY I'D GET SERIOUS OVER YOU! I WAS JUST PLAYING WITH YOU!
YOU'RE IN THE WAY!
LET GO.
YOUR STUPID JUSTICE WON'T DO ANY GOOD IN THIS SITUATION!
AND YOUR GIRLFRIEND FOUND OUT AND IS NOW PISSED. ALL THAT'S IN HER HEAD IS TAKING MY LIFE!
HNGG HH...
WELL,
I HATE THE THINGS YOU SAY, AND I HATE PEOPLE WHO TRY TO SAVE OTHERS!
SO LEAVE ME ALONE! YOU HATE ME NOW DON'T YOU?
I AM A LITTLE MAD THAT YOU LIED TO ME...

I WOULD NEVER THINK IT WAS OKAY FOR YOU TO DIE.
AND I'M A LITTLE SAD, BUT...
AHHH
W- WHATEVER, YOU JUST NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE...
!?
GUAH!

HERE SHE COMES!
ゆら
I'LL DODGE EVERY-THING, I'M...
ゴク
DESTRUCTIVE FORCE MEANS NOTHING IF IT CAN'T HIT IT'S TARGET!
BLUE

ゴトン
ゴボッ
AHH
UGH HH
SHE'S STILL ALIVE.
THAT'S ENOUGH!

I WANTED TO BRING HER TO THE MASTER UNHARMED...
IT LOOKS LIKE THINGS WONT BE GOING MY WAY THIS TIME.
PLEA-SE...
!?
SHUT UP!
STOP!
IF YOU HIT HER ANYMORE, SHE'LL REALLY DIE!

I SAID SHUT UP!
GAH...
GUEHHH
ドゥドゥドゥ

IF YOU KILL SOMEONE, YOU WON'T
GOHO!
KAHA!
HIBIKI-KUN, YOU CAN'T DO THIS!
BE ABLE TO SMILE FROM THE HEART!
GEHO !!!
IT DOESN'T MATTER IF I CAN'T SMILE.
!!
SO LONG AS I GET TO SEE THAT SMILE, I'M...
!?
HAHH HHHH
……

THE ONE THAT'S MAKING
RIGHT NOW, I'M
KOSUKE-GAWA CRY!!!
ミュル・・・
Ш艹。

GEHO
GEHO
GEHO
……
!?
HIBIKI-KUN?
YOU'VE RETURNED RIGHT?
KOSUKE-GAWA... I'M SORR...
!?
!

THIS IS...
GOOD MORNING MOM. ♡
THAT DAY'S MORNING!

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SHADOW SKILL

PROOFREADERS:
SOLOWING

CLEANER:
KAJii & LINUXNOFEAR

TYPESETTER:
BOLT

QC:
KAJii

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THE MEMORIES, WHERE THE HATRED AND ZERO ARE SEALED.
GOOD MORNING, OKAA-SAN
THESE ARE MOTOKO'S MEMORIES?!
THE MORNING OKAA-CHAN DIED.
IS IT THAT MORNING?!

GOOD MORNING, MOTOKO.
HOT
AH.
たた…
THAT'S RIGHT.
YES, I DID IT. THE WEATHER IS CLEAR OUTSIDE ♥
SO OKAA-SAN WILL ALSO COME TO KINDERGARTEN'S LAST SPORT MEET.
……

EEH?! But you promised!
You told me that you would come to the last Sports Meet.
コト
MOTOKO... SORRY.
I GOT A CALL FROM WORK AND SOMETHING SUDDENLY CAME UP.
I AM REALLY SORRY... I HAVE TO GO.
I'LL MAKE SURE TO COME IN THE AFTER-NOON.
I PREPARED A LOT OF FOOD AS WELL SO LET'S EAT IT TOGETHER NOW.
RIGHT.
WHY IS ONLY OKAA-SAN HERE...?

I'M WORKING FOR MY FAMILY, WHO HAS BEEN IN THIS KIND OF BUSINESS FOR GENERATIONS.
.....
IT'S THE KIND OF WORK WHERE YOU ONLY SEE THE DARK SIDE OF THE WORLD AND IT'S QUITE DANGEROUS.
YET, IT'S FOR THE SAKE OF THE WORLD AND I WAS NEVER DISCONTENT WITH IT.
I HAD TO STOP THIS KIND OF WORK.
DISTANCING YOURSELF FROM THE JOB MEANT...
NOT HAVING ANY CONTACT WITH MY FAMILY.
BUT WHILE YOU WERE IN MY BELLY, I KNEW...

No matter if it was a school excursion, Parent's visitation day or a sports meet, Motoko was always alone!
But I am not happy!
<TEARS>
THAT SHE'D COME TO THE LAST SPORTS MEET...
SO... I WAS REALLY HAPPY WHEN OKAA-SAN TOLD ME,
NE...
I'M REALLY SORRY.
STILL, OKAA-SAN COULD LOVE AND CRY FROM HER HEART. THANKS TO YOU
HOTFOO
I WAS GIVEN A WONDERFUL, NORMAL LIFE.

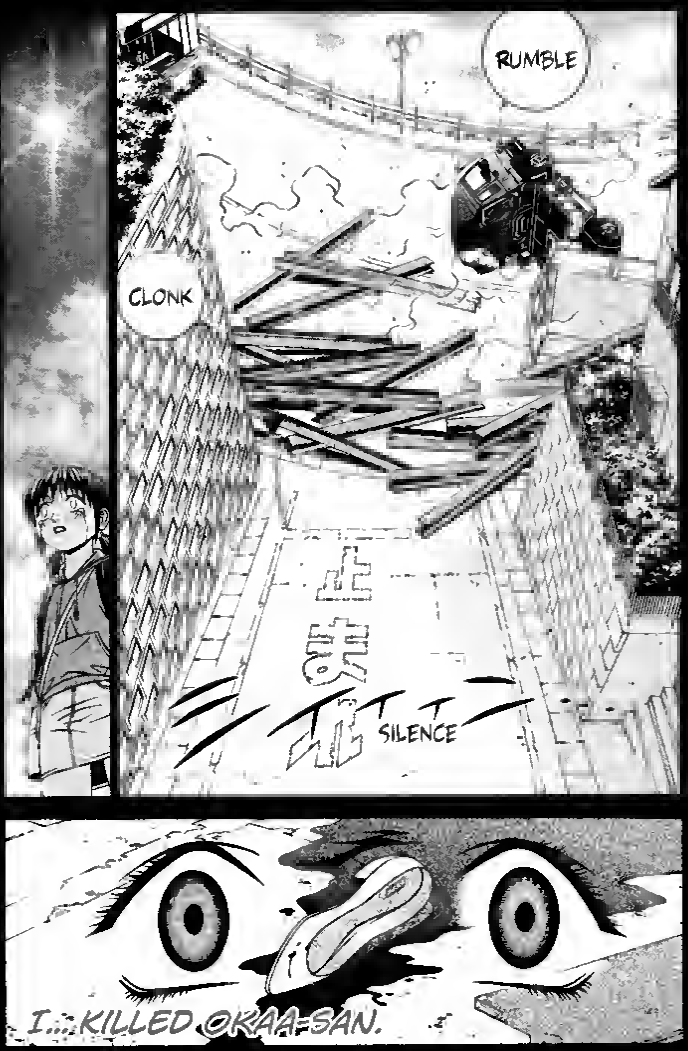
DON'T SAY IT.
DO YOUR BEST AT THE SPORTS MEET, MOTOKO.
.....
...AND SO I'LL LEAVE HER IN YOUR CARE.
OKAY, THEN LET'S GO TOGETHER MOTOKO-CHAN ♥
Motoko won't either!
No!! When Okaa-san does not keep her promises...
I REALLY CAN'T CHANGE THIS. I HAVE TO GO TO WORK... I'LL BE GOING NOW.
SORRY, MOTOKO.

Don't go... Okaa-san!
I want to be together!!
GASP
OKAA-SAN!!
CLACK
CLACK
CLACK
DON'T SAY IT!!
<BOB BOB>
O-OKAA-SAN, YOU...
SNIFF SNIFF
DUMMY!!
CLACK

YOU CAN JUST DIE, OKAA-SAN!
RIP
SIGN. STOP
止まれ
MOTO-KO...
STOP
!
DROP

CLONK
CLONK
CLONK

IMPACT
SMASH
BAM
CRASH


RUMBLE
CLONK
SILENCE
I...KILLED OKAA-SAN.

I KILLED OKAA-SAN.
I DON'T NEED...
THIS PART OF ME!

A...
I AM...
SOMEONE WHO SHOULD...
AHH!
THAT'S HOW IT WAS.
NOT OBTAIN HAPPINESS.

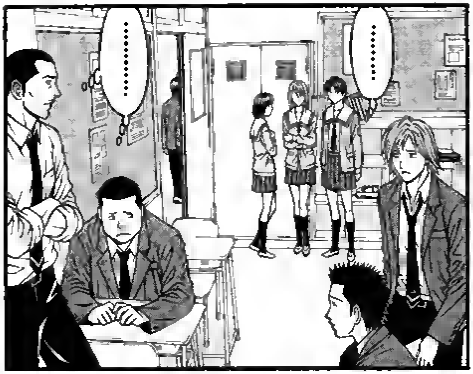
MOTOKO?!
AH...
EH?
Moto-
ko.
HIBIKI-KUN!
WHAT'S THE
MATTER?
Motoko
disappeared

AH...
IT REALLY WAS GETTOU-SAN?! WHAT IN THE WORLD HAPPENED?
KOSUKE GAWA--KUN?
Youre lying.
SHIVER
That's serious!! Call an ambulance, Kosukegawa-kun!
Ah... yes.

DID YOU HEAR? A GIRL FROM CLASS 2-C ATTACKED SOMEONE!!
IT WILL TAKE HER VICTIM FOUR MONTHS TO RECOVER.
GETTOU, THAT PLAIN GIRL, RIGHT?
You are kidding?! Seriously?
YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT TYPE OF PERSON SOMEONE IS WHEN THEY SNAP.
YOU CAN'T JUDGE A BOOK BY IT'S COVER, RIGHT.
BLACK: WATCH OUT FOR FIRE
火の用心
Class 2-C Gettou Motoka 2 week suspension from school
KYAA, SCARY!!
GETTOU-SENPAI DOES IT TOO, HUH.
BEATING THE HELL OUT OF THE WOMAN, WHO LAYS A HAND ON HER GUY.
BANCHOU* IS REALLY COMFORTABLE DECIDING EVERYTHING BY STRENGTH.
There are various things.
What did you say?!
I'M NOT UP TO PLAYING, BANCHOU.
<EVADE>

*BANCHOU USUALLY MEANS DELINQUENT BOSS, CAN ALSO BE SHORTENED TO BOSS. DEPENDS WHAT THE PREVIOUS TL USED FOR THAT GUY.

FORGIVE ME...
FUJIKO-SAN.
AS LONG AS WIFUMI HAS ABSORBED ZERO I WILL BE ZERO'S OPPONENT.
I'M GRATE FUL.
IN THE END, I WAS ONLY HELPFUL IN OKINAWA...
THERE ARE TWO OTHER FEMALES, SURVEYING MOTOKO-KUN, OTHER THAN TSUKISHIMA-KUN,
CLACK CLACK
THE VICTIM'S NAME IS UZUKI SORA AND THE PERSON PRESENT AT THE SCENE WAS KISARAGI-SENSEI.
HOW INTRI-GUING.
AND WHEN YOU LOOK FOR A COMMON FACTOR IN THEIR NAMES, THEY ALL HAVE A 'TSUKI' IN THEIR NAMES. I WONDER IF THAT MIGHT BE A CODENAME...
Tsukishima Botan
Uzuki Sora
Kisaragi Sumire
Gofou Asagi
CLACK
FURTHER-MORE, WHEN I ADD MOKOTO'S MOTHER, ASAGI-SAN, THESE ARE THE FOUR "WANTED FEMALES."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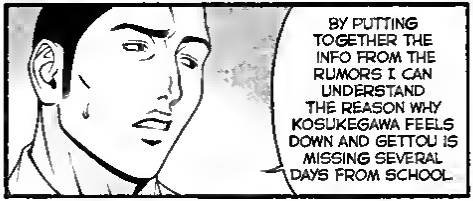
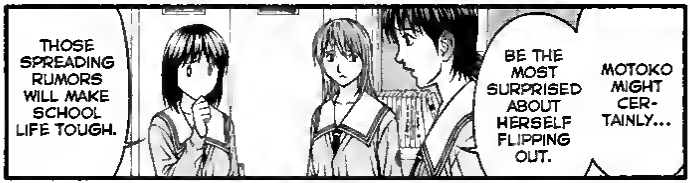
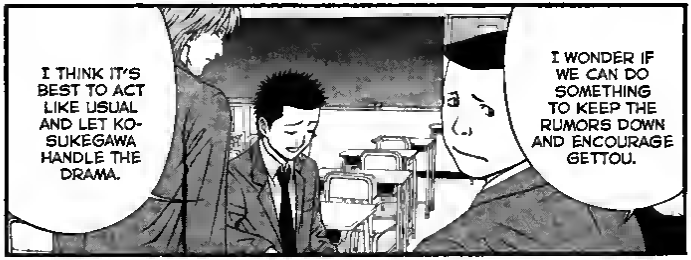
THEN... I HAVE MY JOB NOW, SO I'LL GO ON AHEAD.
A-AH, SEE YOU.


BY PUTTING TOGETHER THE INFO FROM THE RUMORS I CAN UNDERSTAND THE REASON WHY KOSUKEGAWA FEELS DOWN AND GETTOU IS MISSING SEVERAL DAYS FROM SCHOOL.


THOSE SPREADING RUMORS WILL MAKE SCHOOL LIFE TOUGH.
BE THE MOST SURPRISED ABOUT HERSELF FLIPPING OUT.
MOTOKO MIGHT CERTAINLY...


I THINK IT'S BEST TO ACT LIKE USUAL AND LET KOSUKEGAWA HANDLE THE DRAMA.
I WONDER IF WE CAN DO SOMETHING TO KEEP THE RUMORS DOWN AND ENCOURAGE GETTOU.

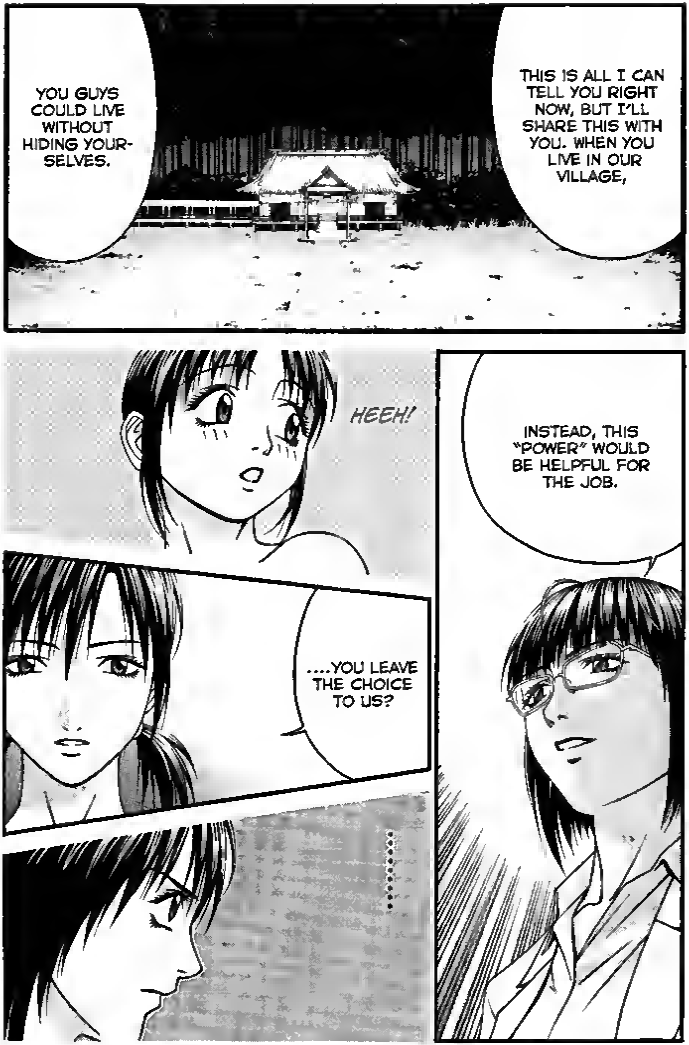
I WOULDN'T LIKE IT IF PEOPLE WERE TO POKE AROUND ON THIS MATTER.
I ALSO AGREE WITH THAT. WE HAVE BEEN IN THE SAME CLASS FOR THREE YEARS. I THINK IT IS GOOD THAT 2-C SHOULD ACT AS USUAL.
I AM ACTUALLY MORE SURPRISED THAT SOME GIRL WOULD GO AFTER KOSUKEGAWA, RATHER THAN GETTOU GETTING IN A FIGHT.
I'm envious...
SEEMS LIKE THE SUCCESS RATE IS QUITE PITIFUL.
HEH, FLIRTS ATTEMPT TO READ THE SUBTLE FEELINGS OF THEIR PARTNER.
Shut up!
...CERTAINLY, THAT MIGHT BE THE BEST METHOD.
SO YOU WERE NOT JUST SOME FLIRT.
IT'S ALREADY A MIRACLE THAT HE HAS GETTOU AS A GIRLFRIEND. ♥
2-C
<KU HA HA HA HA>
Yeah! You can say that again!

UNDERSTOOD... AND HAS MOTOKO-CHAN COME BACK?
...No, she did not return today either.
IS IT REALLY OKAY, THAT THEY ARE SAYING SORA-SAN PUT HER HANDS ON ME AND MOTOKO-CHAN SNAPPED...?
FUJIKO-SAN? IT'S ME...
YES, IT'S TURNED INTO A RUMOR AT SCHOOL...
CORRECTING IT WOULDN'T CHANGE THAT I ATTACKED HER, IT'S FINE TO LEAVE IT ALONE.
Hibiki-kun got furious for me
SORRY, BUT IT SEEMS I HAVE A GUEST. GOOD LUCK WITH WORK.
DING DONG.
SO YOU HAVEN'T RETURNED TODAY, EITHER, MOTOKO-CHAN
I SEE...
OKAY.

?
UP UNTIL NOW, I WAS SPEAKING FOR THE SCHOOL BUT NOW TO MY OWN PERSONAL QUESTION.
YOU MIGHT BE SUSPENDED FROM SCHOOL FOR TWO WEEKS, BUT YOU HAVE ENOUGH DAYS OF ATTENDANCE.
SO YOU WILL BE ABLE TO BECOME A THIRD YEAR SENIOR HIGH STUDENT WITH EVERYONE ELSE.
I SEE. I AM VERY SORRY FOR EVERYTHING.
ALTHOUGH I CAN'T REALLY ASK MOTOKO-SAN.
YOU'RE CURRENTLY HIFUMI-SAN, RIGHT?
!

GETTOU SAKURA-SAMA WOULD WISH FOR YOU TO LIVE WITH HER.
YOUR GRAND-MOTHER, THE CURRENT FAMILY HEAD...
WHO IS THIS PERSON...?
SHORT
OBAA-CHAN?!

...YOU WANT ME TO THROW MY PAST AWAY?
BUT THERE ARE CONDITIONS. YOU HAVE TO CUT ALL TIES TO THE PEOPLE YOU SPENT YOUR TIME WITH UP UNTIL NOW, WITHOUT EXCEPTION.
HENCE OUR COMMUNITY ENTIRELY CONSISTS OF ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN... A FATHERLESS SOCIETY.
WON'T THE FAMILY OWINDLE IF YOU DON'T ALLOW PEOPLE TO MARRY SOMEONE?
TO RETAIN THOSE SECRETS WE CANNOT HAVE CONNECTIONS WITH PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT BLOOD RELATIVES, NOR MARRY.
OUR FAMILY HAS WORKED IN THE SHADOWS FOR GENERATIONS AND HAS MANY SECRETS.
WAS MOTHER PREGNANT WITH MOTOKO IN THAT ENVIRONMENT AT FIRST...?


YOU GUYS COULD LIVE WITHOUT HIDING YOURSELVES.
THIS IS ALL I CAN TELL YOU RIGHT NOW, BUT I'LL SHARE THIS WITH YOU. WHEN YOU LIVE IN OUR VILLAGE,
HEEH!
....YOU LEAVE THE CHOICE TO US?
INSTEAD, THIS "POWER" WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR THE JOB.

I CANNOT FORCE YOU TO WORK FOR US, NOR DECIDE HOW YOU LIVE.
OF COURSE.
IT'S FINE WHEN YOU THINK CAREFULLY ABOUT YOUR FUTURE PATH, IN THIS LAST YEAR UNTIL GRADUATION.
SLIDE
YOU CAN ALWAYS CONTACT ME WITH THIS, WHEN YOU FEEL LIKE IT.
POSTPONED FOR A YEAR AND THEN ANOTHER LIFE, HUH.

EXCUSE ME...
...WHAT?
YOU DON'T NEED TO SNEAK AROUND.
YOU CAME TO LAUGH AT THE FATE OF THIS ILL-NATURED WOMAN, RIGHT?
SIGH

NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU DECEIVED ME, I WAS REALLY WORRIED. BECAUSE SORA-SAN WAS LYING THERE, THE WHITE OF HER EYES WERE SHOWING, DISCONTENT, FULL OF BLOOD, HER MOUTH GAPING WIDE OPEN AND EXTREMITIES AS WELL AS HER JAW WERE BROKEN...
I WILL LEAVE IT... HERE.
THE MANAGER ASKED ME TO PAY YOU A VISIT AND ALSO BRING SOME FLOWERS AS WELL AS YOUR SALARY...
No, not at all
THE PEOPLE FROM WORK DON'T KNOW THE WHOLE STORY...
<BLUSH>
I'M A BIT RELIEVED.
I DIDN'T THINK YOU COULD SPEAK
<RASHLE>
I ALSO HAVE A MESSAGE FROM GETTOU-SAN.
AH...
It's impossible to eat, because my jaw is fixed with bolts, but I can at least talk.
Leave when you are done.
"I AM VERY SORRY FOR OVERDOING IT."

I HATE WHITE-WASHING.
DON'T SAY THOSE INSINCERE WORDS IN THAT MANNER. YOU SHOULD KNOW...
I THINK, BEAUTIFUL WORDS ARE NOT WRONG, THEY MIGHT BE TOO RIGHTEOUS AND BE CALLED WHITE-WASHING.
UMM... I TRIED TO THINK ABOUT IT, BUT...
I FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE WHEN PEOPLE HONESTLY TELL THAT THEY ARE ANGRY OR HATE SOMEONE RATHER THAN HEARING THAT CRAP.
SO BEAUTIFUL WORDS ARE NOT BAD IN THIS SITUATION.
It's those guys, who use them to deceive others, that are bad,
Right!
.....

GROP
AH!
THAT'S RIGHT.
WELL THEN...
YE-YES.
...ARE YOU DONE?
DASHLE
I BROUGHT YOU SOMETHING TO READ, BECAUSE IT MIGHT BE BORING IN THE HOSPITAL.
LOOK INTO IT, WHEN YOU HAVE TIME.
<DOOR CLOSES>
<WALKING AWAY>
THEN, GET BETTER SOON.
JEEZ, THIS GUY'S FRIENDLINESS IS REALLY WORTH ADMIRING

CHAPTER 3
シロヂャク
MORNING ♥ IT'S BEEN A WHILE.
AND SO IN APRIL.
DING DONG.
YOU ARE ASKING EVERY DAY AND NIGHT "WHAT ABOUT MOTOKO? WHAT ABOUT MOTOKO?"
I would've told you if she returned!!
MORNING, IT'S HIBIKI-KUN TODAY. SO...
MOTOKO-CHAN STILL HAS NOT RETURNED.
YE-YEAH
NEE, I WONDER IF MOTOKO-CHAN WILL RETURN TOMORROW. WHAT DO YOU THINK?
I don't know!
HI-HIBIKI-KUN?

!?
I-I NEITHER,
ぱら
ぱら
WE... DON'T KNOW...
ヒソ
ヒソ
SRAS
what we should do, either!!
*SFX FOR REMOVING THE GLASSES
I FINALLY UNDERSTOOD.
.....!

DASH
!
I'M SORRY...
HUG
I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE...
OKAY.
I AM SORRY.
WHO FEELS LONELY AND A SENSE OF HELPLESS ANXIETY.

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